



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: September 13, 2020

Passage: John 18:1–27

Theme: Glory and Grace Betrayed

Two Scenes:

1. Jesus Arrested

Contrast with Judas; the whole world coming to arrest him; “I am”

- Despite the bleak circumstances, Jesus remains completely in control.
- Yet, Jesus willingly surrenders his life to the Father’s mission.

2. Jesus Tried by the Jewish Authorities

Contrast with high priest; confusion over who is the high priest; ironic question as to whether Jesus should talk to the HP the way that he does; contrast with Peter:

- The true high priest serves by sacrificing himself for the sheep.
- The disciple must
 - recognize their own inadequacy and failures
 - respond by looking to and pointing others to Jesus.

Main Idea: We identify with Jesus so that others know that He is life.

Application Questions:

- In what ways do you take comfort for the fact that despite even the bleakest of circumstances Jesus remains in control of life?
- Why do you think that we as American Christians have defined the good life as one that is free from suffering?
- What reaction do you have to the real possibility that the Father’s mission for your life will include suffering? How do you garner strength from Jesus’ mindset in vv. 10–11?
- While Peter’s witness is one of failure in vv. 13–27, what can we learn from it about discipleship and our relationship to Jesus?